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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: NKOMO VIEWS OF NEGOTIATION PROCESS

1. NKOMO ASKED BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER MILES ON MONDAY ABOUT UK REACTION TO THE PATRIOTIC FRONT STATEMENT ON THE SETTLEMENT PROPOSAL. NKOMO INDICATED THAT THE PF COUNTERPROPOSALS, WHICH HE HAD TOLD MILES WOULD BE FORTHCOMING, ARE NOW LIKELY TO BE INFORMAL DISCUSSION POINTS WHICH WILL BE INTRODUCED AT SOME INDEFINITE POINT IN THE FUTURE. HE EXPRESSED AN INTEREST IN GETTING ON WITH DISCUSSIONS WITH THE BRITISH BASED ON THE PROPOSAL AND THE PF STATEMENT OF COMMENTS.

2. NKOMO TOLD MILES, AS HE DID ME, THAT HE WANTED TO GO TO NEW YORK TO PARTICIPATE IN ANY SECURITY COUNCIL OR GENERAL ASSEMBLY DISCUSSIONS ON RHODESIAN MATTERS. HE WOULD NOT OPPOSE APPOINTMENT OF A UN
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REP. HE NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT IF THIS PERSON TURNED OUT TO BE A MILITARY MAN, BEFORE HE WOULD AGREE TO START THE 11C NEGOTIATIONS, HE WOULD WANT TO CLARIFY THE MATTER OF TAKING ARMS FROM PF TROOPS. HE WOULD WANT TO KNOW WHO WAS GOING TO REPLACE THEM BEFORE HE COULD AGREE TO THEIR GIVING UP ARMS.

3. COMMENT: I AM SURE THE DEPARTMENT IS AS AWARE AS I
OF THE RATHER REMARKABLE CHANGE IN NKOMO'S ATTITUDE
TOWARDS THE INITIATIVE SINCE PUBLICATION OF THE PROPOSALS.
GETTING HIM TO TALK ABOUT DETAILS WAS, FOR GRAHAM AND ME,
LIKE PULLING HENS' TEETH. NOW HE SEEMS NOT ONLY READY TO
ENGAGE HIMSELF BUT EAGER TO GET DOWN TO SERIOUS DISCUSSIONS.
FURTHERMORE, THERE IS AN APPARENT DISPOSITION TO MAKE SOME
REAL COMPROMISES, AS WITNESS THE STATEMENT IN THE PF PROPOSAL
COMMENT THAT ELEMENTS OF THE RHODESIAN DEFENSE FORCES WOULD
BE ACCEPTABLE INTO THE FUTURE ZIMBABWE ARMY, AND HIS APPARENT
WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS DISARMING THE PF FORCES WHICH, AS
FAR AS I KNOW, IS NOT CONTEMPLATED.

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